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US Congressmen Gat the Party Line

Waaring his Supreme Soviet hat, Politburo candidate member Boris Ponomprev on Monday gave the opening speach to a visiting US House of Representatives delegation headed by Speaker Carl Albert. Ponomarev broke no new ground. His remarks indicate, however—as they did with the senatorial group in early July—that the Soviets will politick hard with those whose role in foreign policy, in Ponomarev's words, "has lately become most meaningful."

Ponomarev spoke positively about US-Soviet ties and said Brezhnev's forthcoming trip to the US would "no doubt" be a major milestone in bilateral relations. The Vladivostok agreement, he asserted, is of "cardinal importance" in ensuring "long-time" limitation of strategic offensive weapons and in pointing toward future reductions.

Picking up the current Soviet refrain that political detente must be complemented by an easing of military tension, Ponomarev spoke frequently of security matters. He complained of growing military budgets in the US and suggested that Congress should reverse that trend. He also called for preparatory work toward a world disarmament conference, another of Moscow's efforts to breathe new life into that perennial Soviet proposal.

Ponomarev mentioned the political importance of establishing economic relations on a nondiscriminatory basis, without interference in internal affairs. The congressmen will hear more about this, as they will about Ponomarev's assertion that, contrary to the alarms of "certain circles," it is not only the USSR that benefits from detente.

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August 6	Polish Minister of Defense Jaruzelski	
	arrives in Moscow to began a vacation in the USSR.	25X1
	Soviet Fisheries Minister A. A. Ishkov confers in Leningrad with Japanese Agriculture-Forestry Minister Shintaro Abe. Tushimo Bay is not mentioned.	25X1
	Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi addresses greetings to the Indian-Soviet Cultural Society, which is celebrating the fourth annivarsary of the signing of the treaty of peace, friendship, and cooperation between the USSR and India on August 9.	25X1
	The Soviets and the Iranians agree on Soviet aid to electrify the 146-kilometer Jolfa-Trabiz railway line.	
August 7	A US congressional delegation, led by Speaker Carl Albert, arrives in Leningrad.	25X1
	US industrialist Cyrus Eaton, Jr., in Budapest on official business, meets	
	with Hungarian foreign trade of- ficials.	25X1
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	East Germany establishes diplomatic relations with the Cape Verde Islands.	
August 7-8	Soviet party secretaries Kirilenko and Ponomarev meet with Italian Communist party officials in Moscow.	25X1

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August 8	Czechoslovak Defense Minister Dzur arrives in Moscow for a vacation.	25X1 25X1
	Mongolian party leader Tsedenbal begins a vacation in the USSR.	25X1
August 9	Soviet composer Dmitry Shostakovich dies in Moscow after a long heart illness.	25X1
August 10	Brezhnev meets with Czechoslovak leader Husak in the Crimea.	25X1 25X1
August ll	Pive members of the visiting US congressional delegation meet with Soviet Jewish activists in a Moscow hotel lobby. Iranian Prime Minister Hoveyda begins a three-day official visit to Romania.	25X1
	US congressional delegation meets with Soviet Party Secretary Ponomarev.	25X1
	Mexican Foreign Minister Rabasa arrives in Moscow on an official visit.	25X1
	Rosygin holds talks with Polish Premier Piotr Jaroszewicz in Warsaw. Soviet Premier Kosygin arrives in	25X1 25X1
	Poland, presumably for according to the	

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August 11	Candidate Politburo member and party secretary Boris Ponomarev receives	
	the US congressional delegation and delivers a speech on Soviet foreign	
	policy.	25X1
August 12	Bengali Foreign Minister Dr. Kamal	20/()
j	Hussain begins a four-day visit to Yugoslavia.	25X1
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	FUTURE EVENTS	
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mid-August	King Husayn of Jordan to make a state visit to the USSR.	25X1
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September 30	FRG CDU leader Helmut Kohl to visit	
	Moscow at the invitation of the Supreme Soviet.	25X1
September	Bulgarian Foreign Minister Mladenov	20/(1
_	to visit Turkey.	25X1
late September	West German Foreign Minister Genscher	25X1
-	to visit Moscow.	25X1
October 11	French President Giscard d'Estaing to begin a four-day visit to Romania.]
October 14	French President Giscard d'Estaing to bagin a five-day visit to Moscow.	25X1
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